



NEWSLETTER

CIRCULATED FORTNIGHTLY TO INFORM PARENTS
OF SCHOOL EVENTS AND VIEWPOINTS

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Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter for Term 3, and once again the term seems to have flown.

MUSIC FESTIVAL:

The School band, choir and rock group performed extremely well at the Music Festival. The night was very well organised by the Donald Primary School, and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Miss Walsh who organised our participation, and to our students and teachers who performed.

SNOW TRIP:

This week our Year 10's are at the snow and are having a great time. Thanks to Mrs. McConville and Mr. Wyatt for accompanying them.

CULTURAL INTERLUDE:

Christof Troubadour provided our Years 7 to 11 students with an outstanding performance embodying the history of street theatre and comedy. Thanks to Mrs. Goode for her foresight in booking such as excellent entertainer.

STUDENT REPORTS:

Students will receive their Interim Reports on Friday and I urge parents to discuss them with their child. Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN results will also be in the envelopes.

BARNUM:

I had the pleasure of seeing Megan Berry performing in Barnum, and the performance was excellent. Although time is running out to see the show, I highly recommend it to anyone thinking of going.

I hope all students and staff have a refreshing break in the holidays, and come back ready to finish the year off well. Year 12 exams start four weeks into Term 4, so students should be revising hard and summarising notes in preparation for the exams.

Geoff Rigby, PRINCIPAL

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS
COMPETING IN THE FINALS AT THE
WEEKEND**

CALENDAR

September	
14 th to 18 th	Year 10 Snow Trip
Tue. 15 th	School Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 18 th	Term 3 Reports handed out
Fri. 18 th	Last day of Term 3 (2.30 pm finish)
October	
Mon 5 th	First Day of Term 4
Thur 8 th	Northern Zone Athletics School Social 8pm
12 th to 16 th	Year 10 Work Experience
19 th to 23 rd	Meals on Wheels
Mon 19 th	Minyip Shoot
Tue 20 th	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thur 22 nd	Battle of Bands Last Day for Year 12
Thur 29 th	Clay Bird & Bowls

SCHOOL HATS - Reminder that hats are to be worn in Term 4!

REPORTS

As Parent/Teacher Interviews were held at the start of Term 3, they will not be held in Term 4. In previous years, reports were posted so that the Parent/Teacher Interview forms were received by parents. Reports will instead be given to students on Friday.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Reports

Term 3 reports will be handed out tomorrow. They are "tick the box" reports. Although brief, they indicate how students have performed in four general areas of each subject: Effort, Behaviour, Standard Achieved, and Homework.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

There isn't an official Parent/Teacher Interview evening, as we had one earlier in the Term. However, if you feel the need to discuss your child's report, please phone me to arrange an interview.

School Social

The annual School Social will be held next term, on Thursday, 8th October. This will be the first chance for Year 7 students to attend such an event, and I hope a large number attend and have a good night. Permission forms must be returned to gain entry, and I would remind all students that this is a School function and all School rules apply. The theme is "Fairy Tales".

Music Festival

This was held last Thursday, and a number of students from Year 7 were involved in both the Band and the Choir. It was a very enjoyable night, and I was impressed with the number of girls who are getting involved in these extra-curricular activities. Congratulations to Brittany and Celeste - the

only two Year 7's who performed in the choir.

Lockers

All lockers will need to be cleared out at the end of term. This is so the area behind the lockers can be cleaned.

Finals

Good luck to all students competing in the sports Finals over the weekend.

Halls Gap Wildlife Park Visit

Tomorrow, as part of the Science program, students from Year 7 will visit the Halls Gap Wildlife Park. The bus will leave at 8.45 a.m. and return to DHS by 2.15 p.m. Students are asked to take a packed lunch, drink and morning tea. This should be a great way to finish the term. (No mobile are to be taken on this trip.)

Important Dates for Term 3

September	
Fri 18/9	Science excursion - Halls Gap Wildlife Park Last day of Term 3, 2.30pm finish

Important Dates for Term 4

Thu. 8/10	Northern Zone Aths School Social
Sat. 10/10	Donald Show
19-23/10	Meals on Wheels
Thur 22/10	Battle of Bands
Mon. 23/11	Junior Public Speaking
14-17/12	End of Year program
Tue. 15/12	Speech Night
Wed. 16/12	Reports handed to students

There should be no homework for Year 7 students over the holidays. This is part of DHS Homework Policy. Of course, reading is always important, so encourage your child to read novels/newspapers/comics over the holidays.

There has been quite a lot of illness going around the School community this term. I hope everyone has a restful holiday and come back refreshed and ready for Term 4.

Kindest regards, JENNY LEISHMAN,
YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR.
Home Phone: 5497-1206

**Parents' Club meeting, Thursday,
September 17 at Banyena Foods,
12 o'clock.**

Come along and have lunch or a coffee and share your ideas. The Raffle and Graduation Dinner will be on the agenda for discussion. Will use the flyer with the raffle tickets as a report, it has all the return dates for raffle books and items for raffle.

**WANTED - 500 LITRE WATER
TANK**

The School is seeking to borrow a 500 litre water tank to use to cart water on the Year 9 Canoe Camp in November. The tank would be placed on the back of a ute to supply thirsty paddlers. If you could lend the School a tank or know who could, please contact Trevor Whitfield at School.

Austswim Course

An Austswim course will be held at Swan Hill on the 14th, 15th & 22nd November, 2009.

Upon completion of the course, successful candidates are qualified to teach swimming.

For those requiring points towards reaccreditation, a professional development component will be conducted both morning and afternoon on Sunday, 15th November.

Those wishing to do the course are asked to contact Brian Safe, Austswim Co-ordinator, phone 5032-4357. Applications are to be in by 4th November 2009.

**NEW BOOKS IN
YOUR LIBRARY THIS
WEEK**



"Top 8" by Katie Finn

Madi returns from a two-week holiday only to find her profile page has been hacked and all her friends hate what she has been saying. Madie thought trying to pass History was hard, but trying to clear her name and get back her friends calls for some extreme homework.

"Jarvis 24" by David Metzenth

Marc Jarvis tries to step outside the comfort of his Private School life by doing work experience in a car yard. Here he meets Mikey and Electra who are vastly different to his School friends, and evoke some memories he now needs to deal with.

"Vibes" by Amy Kathleen Ryan

Kristi isn't a particularly nice person. She's rude, snarky and combative. She's also been hiding a cat in her bedroom for two years, despite her mother's crippling allergies, and she occasionally plays mean tricks on unsuspecting strangers. She also happens to have the ability to read minds. The negative thoughts she perceives from others cause her to reinforce the wall she has built around herself.

"The most influential people of the last 100 Years" by Peter Murray

A great introduction to the Heroes, Entertainers, Leaders, Scientists and Dictators who have shaped our world in the last 100 years.

**JUNIOR TENNIS
COACHING
WITH MAX BALDWINSON**

5 x 1 hour lessons \$60.00
10am - 11am

Beginners through to Advanced
Sundays - October 18, Nov 15, Dec
20, Feb 21, March 21

Names ASAP to: Anne Maree Wright
5497 1643

SINGING LESSONS

'Learn a technique to sing any style'
Contact Tracey on 5495 2119
If enough interest, will travel from St.
Arnaud to Donald

**DONALD JUNIOR CRICKET
ASSOCIATION**

Expressions of interest forms for
Junior Cricket are in the office.
Please ask for a form if you are
interested in playing in the 2009/10
season. Students must be aged 16 as
at 1st September, 2009.

Community Week Mural

During Community Week, the Year 9 Art students produced a mural at the showgrounds. Mrs. Warr would like to thank the students for all their hard work and participation. We would also like to thank Gerard Burke and Christopher Warr who donated their time and their paint to undercoat the wall. Without community-minded people such as these, the murals would not be possible.

Mrs. Warr

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WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

Job Title	Town	Contact	Closing Date
Business Administration Traineeship	Horsham	Shane Cross	18/09/2009
Asset Maintenance Trainee	Ballarat	Jamie Bennett	ASAP
Catchments Field Officer Trainee	Ballarat	Jamie Bennett	ASAP
Water Treatment Operator Trainee	Ballarat	Jamie Bennett	ASAP

For further details on any of these positions, please check the notice board outside the office

Barnum performances dates and times:

	Date	Show start time
Evening performance	Thursday, 17 th September	7.30 p.m.
Evening performance	Friday, 18 th September	7.30 p.m.
Matinee performance	Saturday, 19 th September	2.00 p.m.
Evening performance	Saturday, 19 th September	7.30 p.m.

By reports received from community members who have seen this production, it is of a very high quality. You can book tickets by phoning Ticketek on 132849.

INTRODUCTION TO SHEARING & WOOL HANDLING PROGRAM, CHARLTON

The 3-day workshop will be conducted for young people 15 - 19 years in 2009 across the following dates:

Wednesday, November 25th to Friday, November 27th, 2009 (inclusive)
9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. each day

Location: 'Bushy Park', Corner of Wright & Kaye Street, Charlton

Included in the 3 days' training will be extensive course material, and morning tea and lunch will be provided.

For further information, please contact **Sue Hill**, NCLLEN Representative, on 5491 1144 or **Louse Cameron** RIST Traineeship Leader on 0438 730 973 or 5573 0943

MURRAY MALLEE TRAINING CO. LTD.

Invite boys and girls aged 13 to 17 to a **FREE AFTERNOON of GOLF**. Fun and Information - on Apprenticeships & Traineeships, Including free giveaways.

This is to be held at **Murray Downs Golf & Country Club, Swan Hill** on **Tuesday, 29th September, at 2.00 p.m.** Bbq to follow.

To enter, you must phone the Pro Shop on 5033-1427 no later than 22nd September.

Important Asthma Information for Teenagers

Whilst parents and family are there to help, teenagers should be aware that they too can successfully and responsibly manage their own asthma. Here are some tips to help teenagers to manage their asthma:

1. Remind them to always carry a blue reliever puffer with them and use when asthma symptoms occur.
2. Encourage them to let their friends know about their asthma and what to do in an emergency.
3. Remind them that having asthma doesn't make them different from others.
4. Understand what their asthma triggers are, and avoid exposure where possible.
5. To use their doctor-recommended medication before exercise, so they can participate in all sporting activities.
6. To avoid smoking and smoky areas.
7. To work with their doctor to prepare a written asthma action plan and have it reviewed at least annually or more often if they have severe asthma.
8. Include them in all discussions and decision-making about the management and monitoring of their asthma.
9. Remind them to continue to take their preventative medications.
10. If they are reluctant to take their medication, encourage them to monitor their asthma with a peak flow meter.

To obtain a copy of the 'Asthma: take control; great tips for teenagers' brochure, or for more information, contact the **Asthma Foundation of Victoria** on **1800 645 130** or visit **www.asthma.org.au**

Christof! Troubadour

It is said that laughter is the best medicine. If this is the case, then all those who participated in the Christof! Troubadour performance on Tuesday, September 8 had a large dose! Christof's performance took his audience on a journey through physical theatre, in particular street theatre and clowning. His style of entertainment generated many belly laughs as he involved all students in Years 7 – 11 and those teachers fortunate enough to supervise. His audience participation enabled several budding clowns and percussionists to shine. Who will forget Darby Harrison's triumphant moment, juggling two plates while perched on Christof's shoulders while he rode a unicycle, with Brittany Egan and Kate Stuchbery as his assistants? Sounds complicated; and it was!. Allesha Connell's performance as Christof's offsider, complete with a slapstick? Will McConville, Clarence Barlow and Celeste O'Shannessy as musical accompanists, complete with whistles, horns and cymbals?

Christof entertained the students thoroughly, giving everyone an appreciation of how comedy is therapeutic and fun. This completed our year of excellent visiting performances from Nexus Arts. Thanks to our students for being attentive and appreciative audiences throughout the year.

Karyn Goode
Cultural Performances Co-ordinator.

2010 Community Scholarship
Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

Students aged 16 to 23 years are eligible to apply for this Scholarship. If you would like a copy of the Application form, please ask at the Office.